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DIVISION 5 — MID CENTRAL REGION — NMRA



THIS MONTH:

Friday February 7
Membership Meeting
Hambden Town Hall
7:30

Monday February 10
BOD Meeting
Hambden Town Hall

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It's never too early to start planning for our annual Railfest. This year Railfest will be Saturday March 14th and Sunday March 15th. This is our divisions primary fundraiser and a great way to contribute to the overall success of Division 5. If you have volunteered in the past we thank you and look forward to your continued contributions. If you have never joined in the fun of this event there is plenty of opportunities to help out. Contact Railfest Chairman Jim Wendorf (railfest@mcr5.org) for details.

RAILFEST 2020

Saturday and Sunday
March 14 & 15, 2020
10 am to 4 pm
Buy - Sell - Trade

Located at:
Lakeland Community College
7700 Clocktower Dr.
Kirtland, Ohio 44094
State Rt. 306 at Interstate 90 - exit 193

Operating Layouts

N Scale Layouts
(LENS & BRND)

H0 Scale layout
(LANS-GEORGE HO GROUP)

S Scale & American Flyer
(Cuyahoga Valley S Gauge Association)

Lionel O Gauge

LGB G Gauge

Live Steam Display
(Lake Shore Live Steam)

Admission \$8.00

Two Day Pass \$13.00
Family (couples) \$13.00
Family (max) \$13.00
(2 Adults with Children under 18)

Food Service Available at reasonable prices

Features

Dealers

RR Flea market

Exhibitors

Operating Layouts

Video Tapes

Historical Displays

Train Ride Info

Food Service Available

ATM

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PO Box 5081
Mentor, Ohio 44050

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Phone: (440) 417-6746

Email: railfest@mcr5.org

Free Parking

Free Shuttle Bus
9:30am - 4:30pm

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MEETINGS & EVENTS

UPCOMING DIVISION 5 MEETINGS

(DIVISION 5 MEETINGS START AT 7:30)

LOCATION: HAMB DEN TOWN HALL
13887 GAR HIGHWAY (ROUTE 6)
CHARDON, OHIO

FEBRUARY 7, 2020

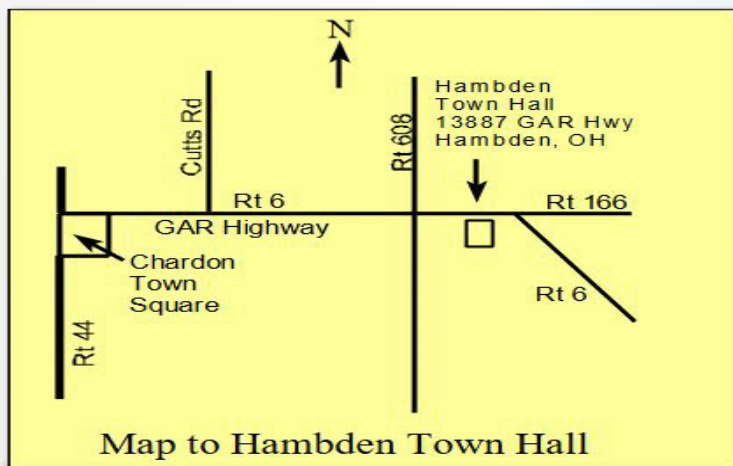
LOCATION: HAMB DEN TOWN HALL
PROGRAM: TRAIN LOADS
MIKE CAROVAC
BRING/BRAG: TRAIN LOADS

FEBRUARY 10, 2020

LOCATION: HAMB DEN TOWN HALL
BOD MEETING

MARCH 6, 2020

LOCATION: HAMB DEN TOWN HALL
PROGRAM: LOCAL RAILROADS
BILL OSBORNE
BRING/BRAG: BILLBOARD REEFERS



Map to Hambden Town Hall

UPCOMING Events

(SEE ATTACHED FLYERS IN TRAINWIRE FOR COMPLETE DETAILS FOR MOST EVENTS OR GO TO WWW.CLEVESHOWS.COM)

FEBRUARY 2 9-3

MEDINA TRAIN SHOW
MEDINA COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

FEBRUARY 29 10-4

MT HOPE TRAIN SHOW
MOUNT HOPE EVENT CENTER

MARCH 1 10-4

ERIE TRAIN SHOW
WALDAMEER PARK, PA

MARCH 7 10-3

INDEPENDENCE TRAIN SHOW
INDEPENDENCE HS FIELD HOUSE

MARCH 14 & 15 10-4

DIVISION 5 RAILFEST
LAKELAND COLLEGE

MARCH 14 5:30

RAILFEST DINNER
PAINESVILLE DEPOT

MARCH 28 10-3

TCA TRAIN SHOW
CHEVROLET BLVD—PARMA

MINUTES

JANUARY BOD MEETING

No BOD meeting scheduled for January

HOLIDAY PARTY



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HOLIDAY PARTY

LOSER'S

WINNER'S LIST

Linda Kacprzak

Bob Gittinger

Phillip Zannella

Bonnie Lette

Chuck Limbert

Scott Gubanyar

Ted Wiese

Dave Neff

Rich Kacprzak

Mike Rudder

Bill Kester

Matt Kross

Paul Emch

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Jim Davidson

Bell Barger

Ray Newnes

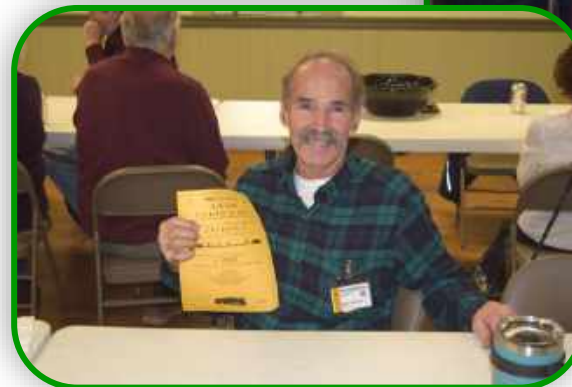
Jim Wendorf

Dave Metzger



Editor's Note:

Nothing wrong with the photographer, Rich wasn't allowed to show his face after being embarrassed by winning less than his wife, Linda again. lol



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Division Announcement

New Membership Feature

Member Roster for NMRA MCR Division 5 Members ONLY

Are you needing to contact someone in the division and don't know how? Well now you can! The only people that can see your information are other current Division 5 members. However, if your membership has expired, you will no longer be able to sign in.

In a new section of the division website called "Members Info" we have everyone in our division listed. The list comes from the NMRA and is provided monthly to our Division Clerk in order to maintain our membership roster. To see this information, you must sign into the Member Login section of the division website www.mcr5.org. There in the lower right-hand side of the webpage you will find the link. This area of our website will allow you to edit your information that you would like to share with the other division 5 members. Only the information you enter will be shared.

While compiling the survey that different members filled out; people wanted to know how to get in touch with another member for various reasons. Because of the Privacy Laws, we are not able to publish a membership roster as we once did. So, this has been created for the use of the membership. You as a member have the control of what information you want to share with others. Remember to fill out the "Help/Advise" area if you are willing to help or advise when questions come up. Enjoy!!

How To Login

Click on the Member Login on the main page.



You must log in before you can view this information

MCR5 Login

First Name:

Last Name:

Password:

[I forgot my password!](#)

To sign in for the first time, you must use the following information as it appears on your NMRA membership card. Enter your First Name, Last Name, and Password (the first six (6) digits of your NMRA #) (if you are a Life Member please enter an "L" in front of the first (5) digits of your NMRA #). Click Login.

Note: If you can't find your NMRA membership info, contact Division 5 Clerk Matt Kross at clerk@mcr5.org or 440-668-9462.

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Division Announcement

The first time logging in, you MUST use the first and last name that is on your NMRA membership card. For example, if you go by your middle name Mike but the NMRA has you listed by your first name of Alan, you must enter Alan as your first name. Or, if the NMRA lists you as William but everyone calls you Bill, you must enter William for your first name. Once you have logged in, you can change your first name in the Division 5 system to what you want to be known as and this new first name will be used for your future logins on the Division 5 website.

Once you have logged in, you can also change your password to whatever you want it to be but it must meet the password requirements specified (one or more uppercase letters, one or more lowercase letters, one or more numbers, and be at least six characters long).

Once you log in, you will be into the Members Info section. Click on any of the buttons to turn that column On/Off: Addresses, Phones, Emails, Help/Advise, All or Print. The 3 buttons at the top allow you to: Change your Info, View Private Member Only Information (i.e. Layout Tours, any other items that we need to get out to the group), and Log Out.

[Keep in mind that this section of the website is still in the development stages and screens may change.](#)

~Wayne Lette

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Hobby Town USA
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Geneva, Ohio
Painesville, Ohio
Mentor, Ohio



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Member Contributions

Articles

The MOD Squad

I was the last person I would ever think of who would be writing an article on a module group; and even more so joining one. However, here I am a proud member of Northeast Ohio's newest module group "The MOD Squad". When I would attend a train show I would see all these people hauling in their pieces along with whatever they put on top of them. Then a few hours later I would see them break it all down again and carry it out to a trailer or a car. I always wondered why do all of that work to just run a few trains for a couple of hours. In my mind if I wanted to run trains I will go to my basement and run trains on my permanent layout. No setup time, no complicated wiring, no waiting for other people to arrive; it just seemed too complicated in my mind. Well I could not have been more wrong. Being part of a module group is actually quite fun and after our first initial set up, trying to figure how everything hooked up, is not that complicated.

Our group is aligned with Lionel and the Lionel Collectors Club of America module standards. They came out with their standards around 2013 when they heard from their membership a desire to have an O gauge module system; were theoretically a group in part of the country could set up with other groups in another area of the country. There has been some small interest for the past couple of years about forming a group in Ohio on the numerous online model railroad message boards; but it wasn't until this past summer when a group of gentleman from primarily Lake County took up the reigns and ran with it. In the short span of 6 months our group has grown to around 20 members and we currently have 16 straight modules and 8 curved modules. Each module is 45" long by 30" deep and will actually fit into the back seat of a normal sized car.

Next on our agenda was to determine what we wanted to do with our module setup. Should we pick a theme and everyone build to that or should we let everyone build to their own

vision. Since our primary focus is to promote the hobby and show outsiders that the main focus is to have fun we decided to go with everyone on their own. At the time of me writing this article we have had 2 real shows and 1 soft opening and at every show we have had lots of comments on how people enjoy seeing the different visions of each module owner. We have some guys doing transition era, some modern era, some cities, some country/wooded, and even one gentleman showing how to incorporate Legos as the primary focus of a layout.

We are in the early stages of booking shows in the Northeast Ohio area, but as you can imagine with O gauge we need quite a bit of room so that is a problem that we will have to keep solving. In conclusion if you were like me and never thought about joining a modular group, keep an open mind because you never know what you may be missing.

~Bryan Persing



Member Profile

Meet Mike Buehner

I am the Transportation Manager for ODOT in Lake County, my current occupation. I am modeling N scale in both a home layout, Grand River Railway, (GRRT) and Ntrak modules with LENS. We hold monthly operations on the home layout every 4th Tuesday. This is open to the novice and the most seasoned operators. I learned of the Division during one of the open layout tours and had visited Harley Smith's layout and Matt Kross's layout. I have been a member since then.

Tripping with Bill

Bill Osborne

Bill Osborne, otherwise known as Tripmaster B is our new tripmaster and from time to time he will share upcoming events that may be of interest to our group. This month Bill shares with us 2 events that will be coming up in April and May.

New York Central Historical Society 50th anniversary convention. Cleveland Ohio. May 15th -17th. Includes tours of Collinwood shops all 3 days and bus tour to Conneaut train station and museum and then Northeast Pa train station and museum. For more information go to <https://nycshs.org/nycshs-events/>

Also Central Ohio Prototype Modelers meet at Marion Station April 30th - May 1st. Marion Station has many great train exhibits and also train watching from Marion Tower. More information can be accessed on their Facebook Page.



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WESTERN RESERVE DIVISION GROUP

Jon Ulbright presents the 5th



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Rules for Dealers:

- Dealers must be 18 or older and have a valid Ohio Driver's License.
- Dealers must be members of the National Model Railroad Association (NMRA) or the American Association of Model Railroaders (AAMR).
- Dealers must be approved by the show's sponsor, CJ Trains LLC.
- Dealers must have a table 14 feet long by 2 feet wide.
- Dealers must arrive at the show on time and be ready to set up their tables by 9:00 AM.
- Dealers must keep their tables clean and free of clutter.
- Dealers must not drink alcohol while working at their tables.
- Dealers must not use their tables for anything other than selling their products.
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Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-mail: _____

Cell: _____

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ERIE PA RAILROADIANA AND MODEL TRAIN SHOW

Sunday, March 1st, 2020
10 A.M. TO 4 P.M.

RAINBOW GARDENS - WALDAMEER PARK

202 Peninsula Drive, Millersburg, PA

FROM PITTSBURGH: Take I-79 to Rt. 80 West to Rt. 832 North to Rt. 8 West
FROM BUFFALO: Take I-80 West to Rt. 532 North to Rt. 8 West
FROM CLEVELAND: Take I-90 East to Rt. 832 North to Rt. 8 West
FROM RT. ALT. 5: Take Rt. Alt. 5 East left go 1/4 mile, turn right and drive through the access marked Rainbow Gardens.

DOOR PRIZE
—ADMISSION—

Adults — \$5.00 Senior Citizens & Students 12-18 — \$4.00
Under 12 accompanied by an adult — FREE

DEALER TABLES AVAILABLE
14FT — \$35.00 per Table BFT. \$25.00
\$30.00 — 2 Tables or more per Table

CONTACT: IRON SPIKE PRODUCTIONS
344 Crossline Rd
Shippensburg, PA 17257
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INDEPENDENCE, OHIO

TRAIN & TOY SHOW

MARCH 7, 2020 10AM-3PM

Independence High School Fieldhouse (NEAR O.H.S.)

6001 Archwood, Independence, OH 44131 (15 miles from Cleveland)

Adults \$6.00 *Children under 12 FREE Featuring Model Trains **Toys—New & Old

All Scales, Operating Layouts, Door Prizes, Food, Free Parking

Info/Tables: Dennis Pefko (216)642-0662/442-331-5453 Email: kdtrains@att.net Facebook: KD Trains, LLC

Dealer Info:
Tables are BY YOUR OWNERS. ALL TABLES PREPAID!
Dealers will accept full responsibility for any injuries or loss to their or their property while attending the show. All liability pertaining to the show is designated to the show. Dealers expressly release the sponsors, KD Trains, LLC, and the independent exhibitor from any liability and agree to hold promoters harmless thereafter.
RT 77 (RR) Accessible (E. Exit East to Rt 7) South to Sell



RAILFEST 2020 DINNER

7th Annual Railfest Dinner on March 14, 2020
960 St. Louis at Peninsula Road and Mainline (aka Palms at Depot)
475 Peninsula Street, Millersburg, OH 44671
Where tables are set at Copley
New! Dinner in a Historic Train Station!

Times: 6:00pm opening, 8:30pm, March 14, 2020
Prices: \$22.50 per person
SPEAKER & SUBJECT: Tom Pefko, author of "Cleveland, Railroads and the Birth of the City"
RESERVATION DEADLINE: March 7, 2020
SUMMER MENU: Toasted Caesar Salad, Italian and Roasted Chicken on the ribs, Cakes and Fried Potatoes, Crab Cake, Lobster Tail, Salad, Desserts, Soft Drinks, Coffee, Coffee Concomers, Creams, Super, Squares, etc.

Directions: See Address on the map
5411 Copley, turn right (South) onto Rt. 508
Turn on Rt. 508 to Rt. 512 (1/2 mile)
Turn on Rt. 512 (South) to Rt. 500 (1/2 mile) near 3470
South on Rt. 500 to Rt. 508, turn right onto Depot
475 St.
East on Depot 1/4 mile to North Side Street
Turn on North Side Street and turn right to Rail-
fest Depot
East on National Street to Depot

This dinner is open to any one that is interested in model railroading or trains in general.

Please mail back with separate check for the bill by March 7, 2020.
(Check will be held & deposited March 16, 2020)
Make Checks payable to: Railfest

Print your Name: _____ Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Name: _____
Name: _____
Name: _____
Name: _____

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Week 19, 2019-March 19, 2020

Operating Layouts
100 Scale Layouts
100 Scale Live Shows
100 Scale & American
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Operating 100-2000
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Admission \$8.00
Two Day Pass \$12.00
Family (4 people) \$15.00
Family (max) \$15.00
(2 adults with children under 18)

Free Parking
Free Shuttle Bus
9:30am - 4:30pm

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MCR - Division 5 Event
Ohio 2020 in Lakeland
March 14-15, 2020
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TRAIN COLLECTORS ASSOCIATION

SPRINGTIME TRAIN MEET

Saturday, March 28, 2020
U.A.W. Hall, 5615 Chevrolet Blvd., Cleveland, Ohio

- Free Parking
- Ground-Level Entrance
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- Wide Isles
- Refreshments Available
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ADMISSION: Adults \$6 • Children under 18 Free with Adult
Open to the Public 10AM - 3PM
For More Information Contact: Itcalakeerie@gmail.com



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